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1. CHARGE TOOK OCCASION OF JANUARY 21 CALL ON KREACIC, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, TO REITERATE POINTS MADE BY DEPUTY SECRETARY DURING JANUARY 10 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR GRANFVIL. HE SAID US EXPECTS THAT OUR VIEWS WILL DIFFER ON MANY ISSUES AND RESPECTS YUGOSLAVIA'S INDEPENDENT POSITIONS, BUT RHETORIC USED BY YUGOSLAV SPOKESMAN AND TENDENCY QUESTION US MOTIVES CAST SHADOWS ON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. RESPONDING, KREACIC (FORMER HEAD OF AMERICAS SECTION DURING TITO-NIXON EXCHANGE OF VISITS) SAID GOY HAD BEEN UNDER IMPRESSION THAT SUFFICIENT BILATERAL UNDERSTANDING HAD BEEN BUILT UP IN RECENT YEARS SO THAT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON VARIOUS WORLD ISSUES NEED NOT CLOUD RELATIONS. GOY WAS THEREFORE PUZZLED BY WHAT APPEARED TO BE ELEMENT OF "PRESSURE" IN US STANCE LAST YEAR, WITH US SEEMING TO DICTATE TO GOY IN PRESENTING ITS POSITIONS. ACTIVE PURSUIT OF POLICY NON-ALIGNMENT REQUIRES GOY BECOME
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INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL ISSUES ON GLOBAL BASIS, HE SAID IN

SUPPORT OF "DEMOCRATIC" ASPIRATIONS, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC, OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THIS WILL INEVITABLY INVOLVE SOME CLASHES WITH ESTABLISHED US ECONOMIC INTERESTS, FOR EXAMPLE. GOY HOPES, HOWEVER, THAT ACCEPTANCE YUGOSLAVIA'S NON-ALIGNED POSITION, AS SET FORTH IN TITO-NIXON COMMUNIQUE, WILL MEAN US AND YUGOSLAVIA ABLE LIVE WITH EACH OTHERS DIFFERENCES.

3. DREACIC AGREED STRONG INVECTIVE AT NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. HE SAID HE SENSED IMPROVEMENT IN ATMOSPHERE IN US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS SINCE LOW POINT LAST YEAR.
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